Attached is a summary of academic fees proposed for implementation during the 2015-2016 academic year. Course fee proposals were reviewed in relation to their conformity to criteria as outlined in CWUP 5-80-020 and CWUP 5-80-010. Specifically, all course fee requests required individual spending plans and itemized expense justification. In addition, a review of fund balances (for three years) were conducted. If existing fee fund balances exceed 10% of the average of the last three years’ revenues, further justification for carryover was required. All academic course fees were reviewed by the Associate Provost and Academic Finance Manager and those approved were forwarded to Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) for further review.

During the 2015-2016 academic year, there were 203 fee actions (new, increases, decreases, eliminations, or reinstatement) submitted. Of the 203, 88 (43%) were recommended to the BFC for further review while 115 (57%) were not. This compares to 274 fee actions submitted and 174 (64%) being recommended to the BFC during the 2014-2015 academic year. Thus, the percentage of fees recommended to the BFC decreased by 21% comparing the 2015-2016 academic year with 2014-2015.

Of the 88 fees recommended to the BFC for 2015-2016, 53 (60%) were new, 30 (34%) were increases to previous fees, 2 (2%) were decreases, 2 (2%) were eliminations and 1 (1%) were reinstatement (all percentages are rounded). Of the 53 new fees, 23 were applied to FlexIT courses and pertained to a performance evaluation penalty that would affect very few students. The College of Education & Professional Studies had the most new fees and/or increases (46% of total) while the College of Art & Humanities followed closely (32%). The College of Business submitted no fee actions.

Of the new/raised fees, 63% are related to consumables goods replacement, specialized equipment/software licensing or field-trip costs while 37% are related to services (i.e., testing).